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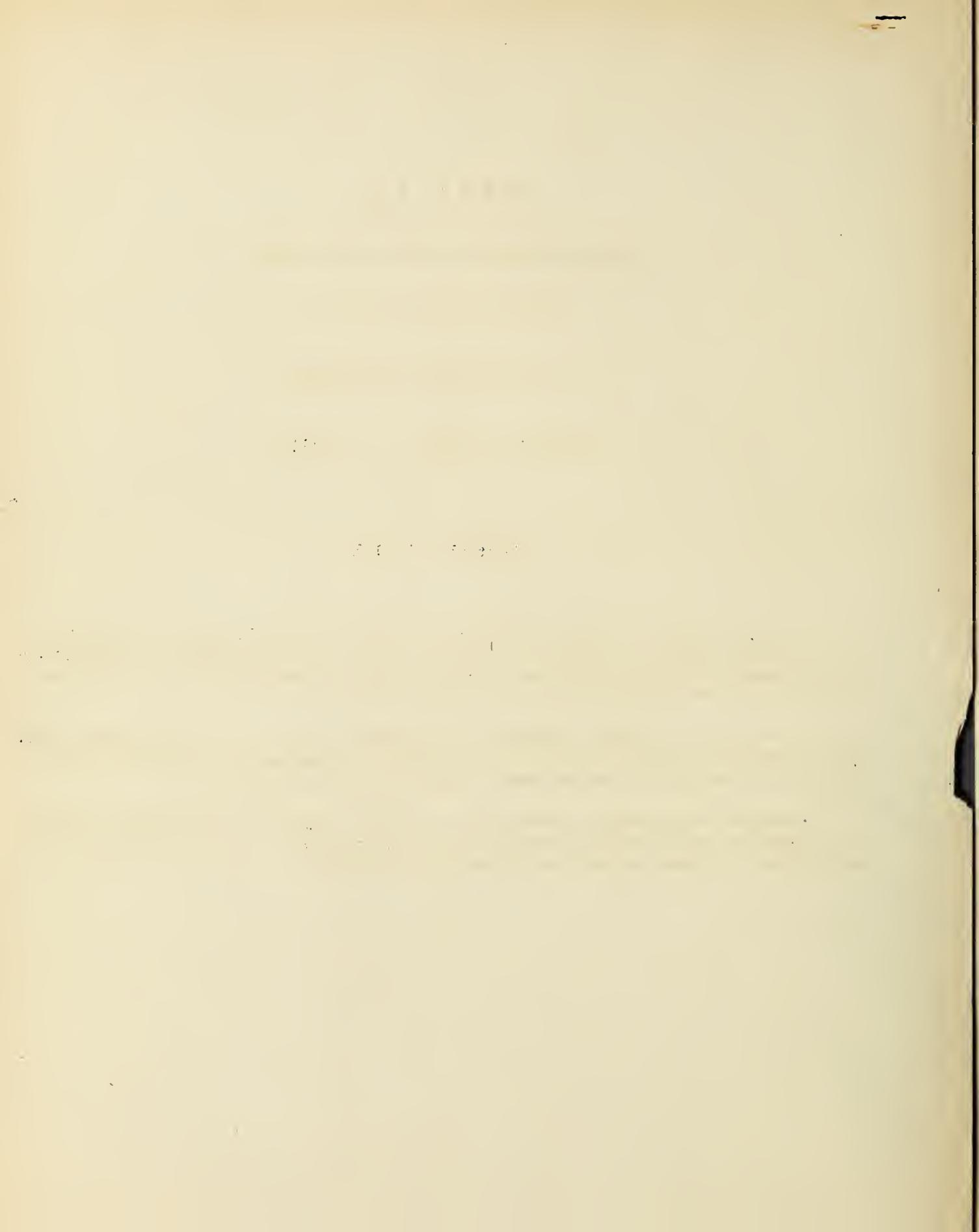
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Mr. W. B. Mercier stated in 1914 of the cotton situation that "The destiny of the cotton farmer is largely in his own hands. When he begins to employ judgment, demands his rights and shows a capacity for looking after his own affairs, others will be more inclined to come to his rescue."

Education is a gradual process. The outcome of these early suggestions grows into greater importance when the farmer under the guidance of Dr. Bradford Knapp practices "Reduction of cotton acreage and crop diversification."

Producing more cotton on fewer acres, with an increase of well bred livestock will place the banks behind the farmers and prove beyond a doubt that progressive agriculture is firmly established throughout the South.



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COUNTY AGENT AND HOME DEMONSTRATION MEETINGS ETC.  
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS.

ALABAMA

The Alabama Experiment Station is making full investigations into the methods of poisoning boll weevils. Throughout the South, experiments indicate that each application of the poison costs \$1 per acre.

The Marketing Specialist from Washington City, L. T. Wells, states the hog sales and shipments from Geneva county for the year beginning July 1, 1918 and ending June 30, 1919, were 500 carloads, bringing about \$1,000,000. The pig club boys of this county also held a big auction sale of one hundred pure-bred pigs for \$2,000.

A dozen Jersey bulls have been purchased in the Selma section at \$350 each for the dairymen in the clubs.

At Orville, on September 10, a Jersey sale will be held by Dunaway and Lambert; at the same place on September 11, a sale by C. Kirkpatrick.

The East Alabama Fair will be held at Alexander City from October 21 to 25.

The Alabama State Fair will be held at Birmingham from October 6 to 11. A boys' encampment of 100 to 135 boys is to be held during the fair to select the boys to attend the Non-Collegiate Judging contest which takes place in Chicago from November 27 to December 5th.

ARKANSAS

An Agricultural Fair and Exposition will be held at Fort Smith from September 29 to October 4.

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

Dr. Bradford Knapp has returned to the office after attending meetings in Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. At Stillwater, Oklahoma, he made two addresses on the organization of the work.

The State Boys' Club agents from all Southern States will hold their annual meeting in Washington during the week of December 8th.

Mr. I. O. Schaub has return<sup>ed</sup> to this office and made a report on the progress of the farm demonstration work in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and North Carolina.

After an absence of some months in the Dairy Division, "First Aid" is glad to announce that Miss Madge Reese has resumed her duties in this Office.

A demonstration of the "Value of purebred sires" will be held at Sni-a-Bar Farms, Grain Valley, Mo., by the U. S. Dept of Agriculture and the Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma Agricultural Colleges.

"A National Crusade" for "Better Livestock", to begin October 1st, is announced by the U. S. Dept of Agriculture in cooperation with the State Agricultural Colleges and other agencies.

Dr. Mohler, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, will hold a conference at Chicago October 6th to 8th, for the study of tuberculosis in animals.

The Bureau of Animal Industry desires producers and dealers to exhibit milk and cream at the National Dairy Show at Chicago from October 6 to 12th.



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DISTRICT of COLUMBIA, Cont'd

The National Board of Farm Organizations will hold its fifth semi-annual convention in Washington on September 16 and 17th at 1731 Eye street, northwest. This residence will be used until the occupation of the permanent Temple of Agriculture.

Through the Chicago Board of Trade, an International Grain and Hay Show will be introduced at the 20th Annual International Livestock Exposition to be held at Chicago from November 27th to December 6th.

The last notice will be given of the 14th Annual Farm Congress of Kansas City, Missouri, held from September 25th to 28th.

Mention will also be made of the great National Swine Show to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, on September 29th to October 4th.

The Forest Service grazing policy was vindicated when the livestock men of the Agriculture Extension Service on their tour of Arizona interviewed the cattle men of that section and only one expressed opposition to Federal control of the public grazing lands.

FLORIDA

The Farm Demonstration agents will hold a meeting at Gainesville from October 7 to 11th.

A meeting of the Florida Home Demonstration agents will take place at Tallahassee from September 2 to 12th. Prof. Martin, Miss Keown and Miss Wessling will be present at this meeting.

The Tenth Annual meeting of the Citrus Seminar and Livestock Roundup will be held at Gainesville from October 14 to 17th.

The Commissioners of Orange County have appropriated a \$150 scholarship fund to pay the expenses of a boy from Orange county to the State Agricultural College.

Dairying has taken a firm hold in this state. In Leon county alone 94 dairies have been established.

With an expenditure of only \$10 more per farmer, the Bull Association has accomplished wonders in this state towards establishing pure bred bulls and doing away with the scrubs.

A Canning Kitchen will be opened very soon in Milton, Santa Rosa county. The County Commissioners have appropriated money for a prize to be given to the club girl with best record in the county.

In Leon county the Dairy Association has voted to build a Farmers' Cooperative Milk Station and Cold Storage for meats and perishables.

The Florida State Fair and Exposition will be held at Jacksonville from November 22nd to 29th.

GEORGIA

From September 1 to October 8, a six weeks tour of demonstrations on clearing lands of stumps, will be given through southern Georgia. Eighteen towns will be visited for two days each in the following order: Cordele, Camilla, Moultrie, Sparks, Tipton, Fitzgerald, Douglas, Waycross, Blackshear, Jesup, Baxley, Helena, Vidalia, Claxton, Stillmore and Dublin.

The new fair at Albany, called "The Dairy Dixie Fair," will be held from October 20 to 25 ..

The Southeastern Fair Association will be held at Atlanta from October 13-18.

The Georgia-Florida Fair will be held at Valdosta from November 3rd to 8th.

The State Fair will be held at Macon from October 22nd to 31st.



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KENTUCKY

A Poultry Specialist from the Kentucky University will visit Muhlenburg County for two days the latter part of September.

The State Fair will be held at Louisville from September 8 to 13th.

LOUISIANA

The Worlds Cotton Conference will be held in New Orleans from October 13 to 16th. Dr. Bradford Knapp has been appointed one of the committee on stabilizing cotton production and prices at this conference.

The Louisiana Dairy Farmers' Observation Tour will leave New Orleans on October 4th for Chicago. C. H. Staples in charge.

Vernon parish has been re quarantine against cattle tick, effective Aug. 25th.

Much regret is expressed over the resignation of Dr. W. R. Dodson, Dean of the College of Agriculture at the State University.

Attention is also called to the resignation of Mr. L. E. Perrin, District agent of this state.

The Louisiana State Fair will be held at Shreveport from October 22nd to 27th.

MARYLAND

There will be held at Hagerstown from October 27th to November 1st, a joint meeting of the Maryland Agricultural Society and the Farmers' National Congress. This meeting will be under the auspices of the Washington county Agricultural Association. Five hundred farmers have been appointed as delegates to this Farmers' National Congress at Hagerstown.

Miss Kellar, State Home Demonstration agent of Maryland, is planning to hold in Hagerstown at the time of the Farmers' National Congress a big "Apple Day" to show the great use and possibilities of this fruit.

The regular monthly county agricultural association will be held at Leitersburg in Washington county on September 4th, in cooperation with the Leitersburg Community Club.

The boys' Club Work for 1919 glories in an enrollment of 2,737 members, an increase of 721 over 1918.

A Fair will be held at Frederick, Frederick county, from October 21st to 22nd.

The State Fair will be held at Timonium from September 1st to 6th

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi will hold a State wide "Better Bread Contest" under the direction of Miss Susie V. Powell, Assistant Director in charge of the Home Demonstration Work.

Miss Wessling and Miss Chinn have just returned from Mississippi where they have been engaged in giving lessons in better bread making as a preliminary to insuring the success of this meeting.

Mississippi is doing a wonderful business through her club boys and girls. The \$40,000 loan from the banks has been redeemed.

The one-horse dusting machine for poisoning boll weevils, to be used on farms too large for hand dusting, is being thoroughly tested by the Mississippi Experiment Station.



MISSISSIPPI, Cont'd.

"Buy a Fence" Week will be held in this state from September 8 to 12th.

The Mississippi-Alabama Fair will be held at Meridian from September 29th to October 4th.

The State Fair will be held at Jackson from October 20th to 25th.

NORTH CAROLINA

The Home Demonstration Division of the Agricultural Extension service is to hold a short course for club girls at the State College for women, Greensboro, September 8th to 13th, inclusive. Mrs. Jane McKimmon is in charge.

At Willard, on September 8th, the Office of Extension Work in the South and the Division of Horticulture, under the Assistant Horticulturist, Mr. Charles T. Dearing, are cooperating in a demonstration course of intensive training in the utilization and cultural methods of the muscadine grape. Specialists from twelve states will represent the Home Demonstration Work. After this course these specialists will return to their respective states and give instruction to all agents. This enterprise in time will develop into a great commercial work with the club girls and women as the pioneers.

The next meeting of the North Carolina State Livestock Association will be held at Goldsboro from December 9th to 12th.

The sheep field agent, Mr. George Evans, will make a tour of the state the latter part of August and first half of September, purchasing pure bred rams and ewes. All desirous of using his services in this line must communicate with him.

The 58th State Fair will be held at Raleigh from October 20th to 25th.

OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma Extension Service has consolidated the publications known heretofore as "The Extension Division" the "Clip Sheet" and the "Boys Club Letter" under the title of "The Oklahoma Extension News and Boys and Girls Club Letter."

The Legislature passed a law providing a free scholarship for two white boys from each county of this state to take a two years course at the A. & M. College at Stillwater, and provided free scholarships for 25 negro boys at the College of Agriculture and Normal University of Langston.

The Oklahoma Free Fair will be held at Muskogee from September 29th to October 4th.

The Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition will be held at Oklahoma September 20th to 27th.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The meeting of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society will be held at Columbia from October 27th to 31st.

Dr. Gee, Assistant Director of Extension in this State, has resigned to accept the position as professor of Rural Economics in the State University.

The State Fair will be held at Columbia from October 27th to 31st.



TENNESSEE

Forty-eight short courses have been held in Tennessee this past year.

The Chattanooga Interstate Fair will be held on September 29th to October 4th. Miss Madge Reese of this office will be present at this fair and will plan and introduce special exhibits on the utilization of milk and dairy products.

October 1st, at Marysville, Blount county, an auction sale will be held of purebred and feeding stock cattle.

The Tennessee Beef Breeders Association will meet in Nashville from October 28th to 31st. Auction sales will be held.

The East Tennessee Division Fair will be held at Knoxville from October 6th to 12th.

The Memphis Tri-State Fair will be held at Memphis from September 20th to 27th.

TEXAS

All expenses are to be paid for six members of the Boys' Agricultural clubs of Texas to be sent to the International Livestock Exposition held at Chicago from November 27th to December 6th.

The following Associations and Commercial Institutions have provided \$150 each to send five Texas club boys to the International Livestock show at Chicago: The Texas Bankers Association, the Hereford Association, Montgomery Ward & Company of Texas, Armour's Bureau of Agricultural Research and Economics, B. G. Hastings - Seedman, and B. F. Avery & Sons Plow Company of Texas.

The Southern Exposition and Fat Stock Show will be held at Fort Worth from March 10th to 15th, 1920.

The Cotton Palace will be held at Waco from October 25th to November 9th.

The Central West Texas Fair will be held at Abilene from September 23 - 27th. The State Fair will be held at Dallas from October 6 to 19th.

VIRGINIA

The Virginia Short Horn Breeders' Association is to be organized on September 4th at a banquet given at the Beverley Hotel in Staunton. The deep interest the last three governors of Virginia have had in livestock argues well for its success.

The State Bankers' Association offers a club banner to the best club member in this State.

The Farmers' Institute will be held at Franklin on October 17th and at Petersburg on October 18th. Mr. E. A. Miller is requested to attend both meetings.

The Virginia State Horticultural Society will be held at Roanoke Dec. 2 - 4th.

The Southside Virginia Agricultural and Industrial Exposition will be held at Petersburg from October 14th to 18th.

The Virginia State Fair will be held at Richmond from October 6th to 11th. All exhibits should be shipped to Miss Ella G. Agnew, Demonstration building, State Fair, Richmond.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Monroe County Camp will be held from September 1 to 5th. Mr. E. A. Miller is urged to be present with the Assistant Director of the State, Mr. Wm. H. Kendrick.

Mr. E. L. Shaw is traveling in Ohio and other states to secure pure bred sheep for shipment into West Virginia.

The State Fair will be held at Wheeling from September 1st to 5th.

